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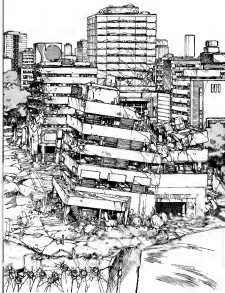


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BOOK ONE: THE PROMETHEAN

CHALLENGE



1. TRIPLE HOUND HUNTING







HOW DOES IT LOOK?

NOT GOOD.

DESERT ALL AROUND THE TOWN'S CUT OFF.



REALLY...



THAT'S NOT THE WORST OF IT. THIS TOWN WASN'T JUST ABANDONED...

?



I FOUND TRACES OF BIOCHEM WEAPONS.



WHAT?!

SO ALL THE FOOD WE'VE COLLECTED...

WELL, IT LOOKS LIKE THEY USED BARNY* OR SOMETHING SIMILAR... SHOULD BE SAFE BY NOW.



BUT I'M AFRAID THIS IS IT FOR SUPPLIES. WHAT DO YOU THINK? ARE WE GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET BY?



SURE. START PLANTING FIELDS. FARMER GUY.





SURE..



RIGHT?
I ALMOST
FORGOT
DINNER!



TONIGHT,
DELIHAN'S
SPECIAL
BOULLABISS!

OH,
DEAR..



THAT
DOES
IT!

A-NO..
WAIT!

THAT'S
NOT
WHAT I
MEANT!
I WAS
JUST..oh,
OVERWHELMED
WITH
DELIGHT...
REALLY...



...?



WHAT'S
WROD...

SHNY





THIN EXPLOSIVE SQUAD HEAD -- PROJECTILES DESIGNED TO DELIVER A HIGH KINETIC IMPACT RATHER THAN PENETRATE.

























MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO CRACK IT WITH HEAT* ROUNDS...

PERHAPS SET SOME BOBBY TRAPS TO GET THEM SPREAD OUT?



Heaven... IT'S A HARD CALL.

ALWAYS ANNOYING GOING UP AGAINST SOLDIERS...



GNGNGN



I'VE GOT SOUND SOURCES AHEAD--QUADRANT TWO, ELEVEN O'CLOCK! HEARTCATS AND MICROSERVICE! IT'S NOT OUR TARGET... IT'S **SOMEONE ELSE!**



BEEP TWTWT

LEVEL THREE COMBAT ALERT!





I TRACKED
MOVEMENT
JUST BEFORE
IMPACT! TARGET
IS OFF OUR
PASSIVE
SENSORS!



BOOST
THE
HULL
CURRENT!







THAT THING'S AN ANTIQUE, BUT IT'S BUILT FOR STREET FIGHTING. CAN YOU MAKE POSITION IN FIVE MINUTES?

I'LL TRY. THE NORTH END OF CENTRAL LOOKS GOOD.

I'LL TRY.
THE
NORTH
END OF
CENTRAL
LOOKS
GOOD!

DON'T GET ME BY MISTAKE. OKAY?







THE GUNNER
AND DRIVER
ARE WAY
OUT OF SYNC.
THESE GUYS
ARE NOT PRO
TANK CREW.



CAN'T YOU
IDIOTS HIT
THEIR
MARK?

THEY'RE
MAKING
FOOLS
OF US!



THIS IS
GETTING US
NOWHERE. I'M
GOING OUT
THERE MYSELF,
SO COVER
ME!

SHIT!

SODDAMN IT,
THAT'S JUST
WHAT THEY
WANT YOU TO
DO! THEY'VE
GOT MAJOR
FIREPOWER
OUT THERE!





VRR GNGN



BRRRRT

THEY BLEW THE HATCH!

GODDAMN IT! YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO COVER HIM!



HEY! IT WON'T FIRE!

SHRRELS OVERHEATED THE SUPERCONDUCTING COOLING SYSTEM IS OUT!

GODDAMN IT! I KNEW THAT FRANKY GEAR WOULD NEVER WORK IN COMBAT!



SON OF A BITCH!

















THE EARTH'S BEEN UNIFIED BY THIS "CENTRAL MANAGEMENT BUREAUCRACY"



SO NO ONE COUNTRY CAME OUT ON TOP?

CHECK!

NOW IT'S THE ONE AFFAIR WE CALL THEM LOOKING AFTER THE WHOLE PLANET



OF COURSE, OTHER THAN TOTAL DISARMAMENT AND THE SUPERVISION OF TRADE AND ECONOMY, EVERY COUNTRY'S PRETTY MUCH FREE TO DO AS THEY PLEASE

THEN, AS PART OF THE PLAN, WE'VE BEEN COMING OUT TO BACKSIDE HERE, LOOKING FOR SOLDIERS LIKE YOU AND BRINGING THEM BACK TO OLYMPUS CITY, WHERE AEGIS IS SET UP



WE... WE HAD NO IDEA!

HOLD-ON, I THOUGHT YOU SAID "TOTAL DISARMAMENT" THAT WAS A PRETTY TOUGH BUNCH OUT THERE...



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THE PROMETHEAN CHALLENGE

MANGA PROJECT

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